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	Examiner Helene Klemanski	Art Unit 1755	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 15-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

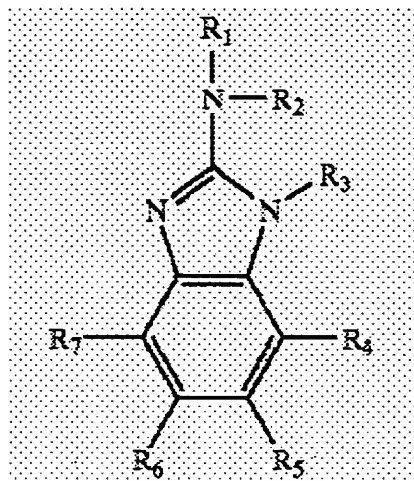
1. Claims 19, 22, 23, 27 and 30 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 19, line 4, the term "1,2,6-h exanetriol" should be replaced with the term "1,2,6-hexanetriol"; in claim 22, line 3, the term "tioglycol" should be replaced with the term "thioglycol"; in claim 23, line 2, the term "of]" should be replaced with the term "of."; in claim 27, line 4, the term "1,2,6-h exanetriol" should be replaced with the term "1,2,6-hexanetriol"; in claim 30, line 3, the term "tioglycol" should be replaced with the term "thioglycol". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

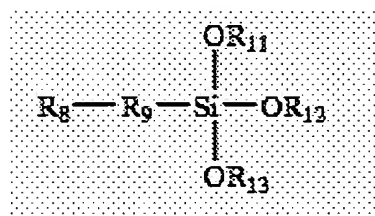
2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-11 and 15-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for an antibacterial colorant comprising a colorant molecule having at least one functional group and at least one antibacterial moiety selected from the group consisting of a carbendazim derivative of the formula



wherein the substituents are as defined by applicants and a silane derivative of the formula



wherein the substituents are as defined by applicants bound thereto by one of an ester bond or an amide bond, does not reasonably provide enablement for an antibacterial colorant comprising a colorant molecule having at least one functional group and at least one antibacterial moiety bound thereto by one of an ester bond or an amide bond. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

The claims recite an antibacterial colorant comprising a colorant molecule having at least one functional group and at least one antibacterial moiety bound thereto by one of an ester bond or an amide bond. This encompasses any antibacterial moiety.

However, the specification only teaches the use of a carbendazim derivative or a silane derivative of the above formulas. Such a limited disclosure does not support the breadth of the instant claims. The examiner suggests the incorporation of claims 2 and 4 into claims 1, 6 and 15 to overcome this rejection.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 10, 20, 23 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 10, 20, 23 and 28, the phrase "low-grade alkylethers" is considered vague and indefinite since it is unclear as to what the term "low-grade" is referring to since the specification describes lower alkyl ethers in para. 0032. The examiner suggests replacing the term "low-grade" with the term "lower". Please clarify.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

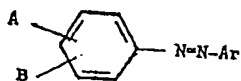
6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

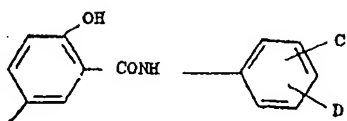
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 5-8 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 1398532.

GB 1398532 teaches azo antimicrobial azo dye of the formula



wherein A is H or OCH₃; B is H, SO₃Na or SO₂CH₂CH₂OSO₃Na; Ar is the formula



wherein C and D are the same or different and are H or a halogen. GB 1398532 further teaches that the antimicrobial dyes may be use to dye fabrics from an aqueous solution (i.e. ink composition). See page 1, lines 12-31, page 2, lines 10-20 and lines 87-95, examples 3-5 and claims 1-5. The antimicrobial azo dyes as taught by GB 1398532 appear to anticipate the present claims.

8. Claims 1, 5-10, 15 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Quinhong et al. ('330).

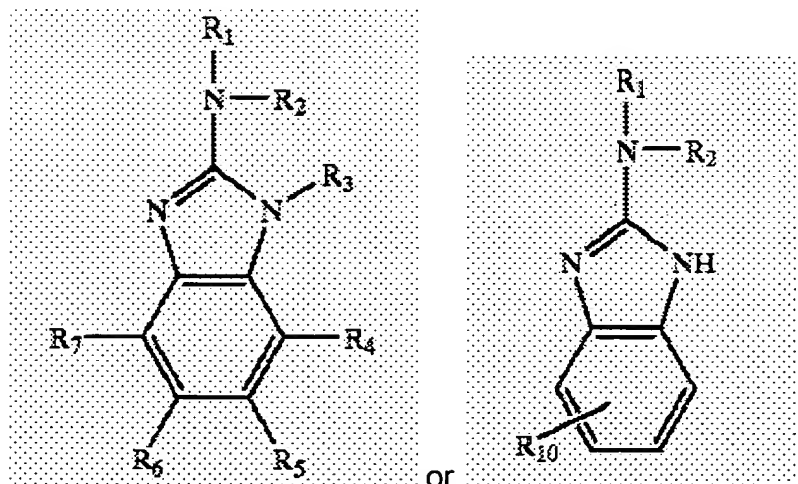
Quinhong et al. ('330) teach a substantially salt-free anionic ultraviolet absorber/quaternary ammonium complex colorant that is anti-microbial and used as a treatment agent in a water dispersion (i.e. ink composition) for textiles, paper, wood,

plastics, etc. The cationic ammonium groups bonds with the free reactive groups such as a carboxylic group on the UV absorber to form ionic bonds (i.e. ester bond). See col. 3, lines 45-51, col. 4, lines 19-21, examples 1 and 4-6 and claims 1 and 12-15. The ultraviolet absorber/quaternary ammonium complex colorant as taught by Quinhong et al. (330). appears to anticipate the present claims.

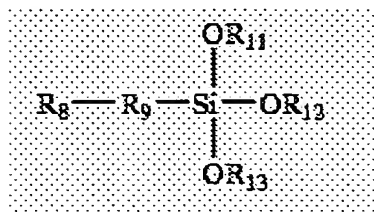
Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 12-14 are allowed.

10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: None of the cited prior art teach or fairly suggest an ink composition comprising a carrier medium and an antibacterial colorant comprising a colorant molecule having at least one functional group and at least one antibacterial moiety selected from the group consisting of a carbendazim derivative of the formula



wherein the substituents are as defined by applicants and a silane derivative of the formula



wherein the substituents are as defined by applicants bound thereto by one of an ester bond or an amide bond.

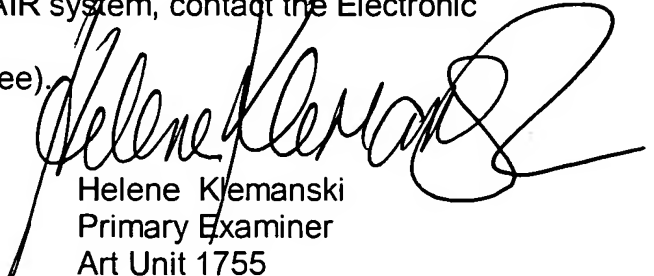
Conclusion

The remaining references listed on forms 892 and 1449 have been reviewed by the examiner and are considered to be cumulative to or less material than the prior art references relied upon in the above rejections.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Helene Klemanski whose telephone number is (571) 272-1370. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo can be reached on (571) 272-1233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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